

W. VA, 32-SWESP, 4-

WEST VIRGINIA

State

MONROE (32)

County

SWEET SPRINGS


Town or Vicinity

5p

1d

Sweet Springs Hotel (WVA-58)

Structure

E side of WVA Rte. 311, .5 mi. S of WVA-VA border, .3 mi. NE of intersection of Rte. 311 and Rte. 3. Brick (Flemish bond), "T" shape (seventeen-bay facade), two stories above fully exposed basement, pedimented gable roof, five-part facade with three monumental tetrastyle, pedimented Tuscan porticoes above arcade which extends full length of facade and supports uncovered piazzas between porticoes; interior contained dining room (160' long) with drawing room  and dancing room at either

end on first floor, thirty-six bedrooms on second. Built 1833-39 as main hotel for Sweet Springs; interior renovations 1949; rear addition 1950; wing and fourth monumental portico added 1973. At time of building, the most ambitious and largest of all the structures at the mineral springs. The major monument of Jeffersonian classicism in West Virginia, and the singular most impressive vestige of the ante-bellum spring resorts. 5 ext. photos (1974); 1 data page (1974).

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